Lathyrism caused by Kesari Dal

432. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a crippling disease lathyrism has been rampant in Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and other parts of the country due to consumption of Kesari Dal and its adulteration with tur or gram dal;

(b) if so, the number of persons suffering from lathyrism in the country; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Recent studies carried out by the Indian Council of Medical Research have indicated that there are no new cases of lathyrism in recent years even in endemic areas where kesari dal is grown. The Council have also emphasised that unless kesari dal is consumed in high amounts and over prolonged periods there appears to be no danger of lathyrism.

(c) Rule 44-A of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 already prohibits sale of kesari dal or its mixture in any form, from the date so notified by the State Governments. Health education efforts are also carried out to discourage consumption of kesari dal.

Withdrawal of recognition of the Laxman Public School, Hauz Khas

433. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
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SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education has withdrawn recognition of the Laxman Public School, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what were the conditions required to be fulfilled by the School or its management which have not been fulfilled; and what are the other reasons for the withdrawal of recognition; and

(c) what steps are being taken to protect interests of the students of this school?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Central Board of Secondary Education only grants affiliation to the schools. This has not been withdrawn fram Laxman Public School, Hauz Khas Encluve, New Delhi.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

National permits

434. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to do away with the restrictions in the quota of national permits on States and Union Territories for inter-State movement of tourist buses and taxis;

(b) if so, by when the quota restriction would be removed; and

(c) what are the details of the contemplated liberalised system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Removal of quota restriction in respect of all India Tourist permits under Section 63(7) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 has been recommended by the Transport Ministers of States/U.Ts. This necessitates an amendment to Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. The proposal forms the part of the comprehensive amendments proposed.